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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. EMERSON].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 20, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable BILL EMERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. William Hobbs, Spring Glen Church, Hamden, CT, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, holy and gracious, be known in this Chamber where men and women wield authority with far-reaching implications. Make these servants who were clever enough to get elected wise enough to serve the public good, and both fair and compassionate enough to address the needs of all the people, placing people above politics, regarding them as neighbors to be served and joined in service.

Protect them from the terrible temptation of the love of power so they may know the power of love. Let them see across these aisles not enemies to be ridiculed and defeated, but compatriots to join in common enemies of poverty, fear, insecurity, and injustice.

So let Your reign of peace with justice find support here and everywhere, most gracious and almighty God. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

A WARM WELCOME FOR REV. BILL HOBBS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great pleasure to welcome here this morning the Reverend Bill Hobbs, my constituent, to the House of Representatives, to the people's House.

Reverend Hobbs indeed serves the people. He is from Hamden, CT, where he presides over the community's largest Protestant congregation at the Spring Glen Church.

Since arriving in 1984, Reverend Hobbs has led his congregation in countless community service efforts. Among their many projects are the food and fuel bank programs. These are critical efforts. The Spring Glen Church has willingly accepted the responsibility of feeding its community's hungry. This, along with helping to provide heat to low-income households during the cold Connecticut winters, is a testament to the congregation's commitment to those in need.

The church is a valuable community resource. It has opened its doors to several civic and community organiza-

tions in need of its support. The congregation generously provides to these groups whatever it can. Reverend Hobbs and his congregation help to bridge a critical gap to those who do not qualify for State and Federal aid, and yet still require assistance.

I salute the generous efforts of Reverend Hobbs and Hamden's Spring Glen Church for their selfless service to the community. I thank them for their continuing commitment to these ongoing efforts.

It is our distinct pleasure to have the Reverend Hobbs with us today, and we thank you, Reverend Hobbs, for joining with us today and for your blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces that 1-minute will be limited to 20 today, 10 to each side.

THE NATIONAL DIALOG ON MEDICARE

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, it has been several weeks now since the Board of Trustees of Medicare issued their report saying that by 2002 Medicare will be broke. We are now engaged in a national dialog on this subject. And where have we come in this dialog?

I think that the little plate here shows it very well. Are we talking about Medicare, or are we talking about MediScare. The last thing this country needs, Mr. Speaker, is all of the half-truths and untruths that are issuing from the other side of the aisle, that are meant to frighten our senior citizens.

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